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Dockets Management Branch
HFA-305
Food and Drug Administration
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061
Rockville, MD 20852

RE: Docket # 98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food."

Dear Sir or Madam:

In reference to Docket # 98N-1038, we would like to state that we strongly advocate labeling of irradiated foods. We are parents of two children who both have food allergies. Specific labeling about exact nutrients and ingredients in foods is vital to us. We would support continuance of the current terminology, "Treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" and the use of the radura symbol on all irradiated foods.

Since, apparently, irradiation causes chemical changes that are not evident and could be hazardous, and since irradiation is a new technology with no long-term health studies on humans, consumers have a right to know if this process has been used on their food.

Therefore, the label should be large enough to be readily visible to consumers on all foods, including produce. Please do not allow the FDA's labeling requirement to expire.

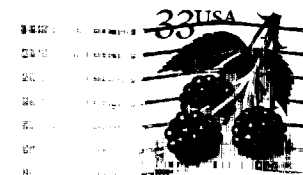
Sincerely,



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